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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/051,019
Applicants: Munemitsu IKEGAMI
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For: PRINTING SYSTEM AND METHOD RESTRICTING
FUNCTIONS OF PRINTERS, USABLE BY EACH
USER
Group Art Unit: 2625
Examiner: POON, K. Y.

SIR:

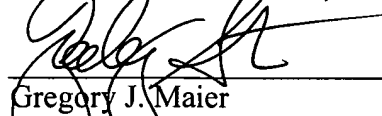
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ELECTION OF SPECIES

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In response to the Election of Species requirement dated March 23, 2006, Applicant elects with traverse the Species I and identifies Claims 1-11 as readable on the provisionally elected species.

Applicant respectfully traverses the election of species requirement for the following reason.

MPEP § 803 states:

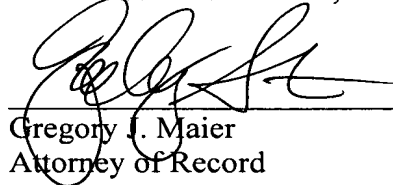
... If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully traverses the outstanding election of species requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a serious burden on the Examiner.

Accordingly, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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